

You're invited

Dear Friend:

As a new Congress and Administration begin, I write to invite you to the third annual Farm Day Forum. This meeting provides a chance to hear your concerns as we move forward and get an update from Washington on issues affecting our farming community.

While the passage of the 2008 Farm Bill brought about some of the reforms necessary to support the agriculture community for the next five years, the constant rise in input costs and variability of grain prices created many new financial burdens. I appreciate the enormous support and constant advice I received from farmers and ranchers across Southwest Louisiana as we wrote the bill – your input was invaluable. I would like to continue hearing from you and we invite you to attend this important forum.

As you may know, I was recently selected as a new member of the House Ways and Means Committee. I am excited about the opportunity to continue to serve the agriculture community by improving tax legislation and trade bills that will level the global playing field and increase markets for U.S. made goods. This year I hope to discuss these and other issues, such as energy, that are of great importance to you. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Boustany, Jr., MD

Member of Congress

Farm Day Forum

Date: **February 18, 2009**

Time: **9:00am – 1:00pm** (lunch will be served)

Location: **Abbeville Recreational Center
301 AA Comeaux Memorial Drive,
Abbeville, LA 70510**

Please RSVP to Michael.Hare@mail.house.gov or call the Lafayette district office at 337-235-6322 to confirm your registration.

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